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Applicant hereby submits the attached AMENDMENT (12 pages); and TRANSMITTAL (2 pages) for entry in the above-noted application.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action dated November 25, 2005, the time for response to which is up to and including February 27, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments